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LIDDELL.—At Kowloon, on Sunday, the
21st inst., to Capt. and Mrs. W. McC.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23RD, 1913.

It seems now to be a settled fact that the
Vice-President, who went from Wuchang
to Peking on the 9th inst. on what
was publicly announced to be a brief
visit, is to remain permanently in residence
in the Capital, and in view of the many
speculations to which this circumstance has
given rise special interest is lent to the
expression of views made by the PRESIDENT
in an interview which he gave on the 17th
inst. to *REUTERS*' Correspondent in Peking,
as reported in another column. It has
been reported that the opinion widely
prevails in Peking that the hidden meaning
of the PRESIDENT's latest coup is that
he intends "to seize the throne," and that
it is in furtherance of this object that he
has "invigiled" LI YUAN HUNG into
coming to Peking. It is said that the
PRESIDENT recognises that Li is, or would
be, opposed to any such move; hence he
considers it safer to have him in Peking
where his actions could be more effectively
controlled than would be possible if he
remained at Wuchang, where he has been
ever since the Revolution. The Chinpuang
—the political party with which the Vice-
President has been identified—is described
as being indignant with him for coming
North "only to be fooled by YUAN." Those

who place this interpretation on the *coup* do
not contemplate, however, that the change
will come immediately. For appearance sake,
the shibboleth "Republic" will continue
to be shouted for some time yet, but it is
feared that China has not yet done with
revolutions, and national bankruptcy and
foreign intervention are predicted as a
finale. These views are interesting chiefly
for the evidence they afford of the
uneasiness and suspicion which prevail to
the detriment of the trade and progress
of the country. We do not share them.
For our part we can see no reason for
believing that President YUAN SHIH-KAI
desires to change his present status by
becoming a monarch in name as he is in
reality. His purpose has been made fairly
clear in his Mandates and his public
addresses, while his conversation with
REUTERS' representative in Peking serves
but to confirm and emphasise all that he has
previously said in so far as it relates to the
political future of the country. The PRESIDENT
"emphasized that Parliament would be
maintained," but, when he discussed the
functions of Parliament the PRESIDENT
spoke in metaphors which seem to us rather
contradictory. At one moment he is likening
Parliament to an architect who draws up
plans and specifications, and himself as the
carpenter engaged to carry out those speci-
fications; and the next moment he is
likening the most ardent Republicans
—who constituted the majority in the
Parliament he has recently wrecked—
to a nurse who is attempting to feed a baby
with food suitable for an adult. It is
when the PRESIDENT says plainly that
"those admirable enthusiasts must be
prepared to follow the Central Government's
policy," that we get a clearer view of the
PRESIDENT's scheme of government. It is
not Parliament who is to be the
architect, drawing up the plans and
specifications, but the Central Government,
and the part Parliament will be required to
play will be that of the carpenter, "able to
suggest easy methods of dealing with
practical details." In other words, Parlia-
ment is to be looked upon as a deliberative
rather than a legislative body. It has been
made abundantly clear in the last few
months that while as many of the
forms of republican government are to be
retained as possible, the Government in
China will continue to be, what in fact it
has been from the dawn of the republic—
autocratic. The great scheme which the
Government appears to have under con-
sideration at the moment is one aiming at
more effective military control over the
country. To that end it is proposed to
"deprovincialise the nation," abolishing
the office of Tuhui and dividing the country
into nine military districts, each to be ruled
presumably by a Military Governor. It
is stated in the semi-official paper at Peking
that the Cabinet is in favour of the change
being made immediately. The PRESIDENT
is represented as recommending a gradual
adoption of the scheme. If there is any
real foundation for these reports, which
were current before the Vice-President
left Wuchang, may it not be that the ex-
Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in
Hup has gone to Peking to become the
"carpenter" entrusted by the Government
with the carrying out of the plans?

H.E. Sir Henry May is expected to
reach Hongkong on Christmas Day by the
Empress of Russia.

Major-General F. H. Kelly, C.B., Com-
manding the British troops in South
China, has accepted the invitation of the
Municipal Council to inspect the Shang-
hai Volunteer Corps during the week
ending April 25th. The inspection parade
is fixed for April 25th.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., as the
sole agents of "Napier Johnstone's
Square Bottle Whisky," have sent us
specimens of the season's advertisements
of this popular brand in the form of a
useful desk calendar, a blue and white
porcelain ashtray and a useful pocket
knife.

Sanction has been obtained for another
foreign loan for electric works in Tokyo.
By this means it is intended to raise the
mileage of the track from 150 to 200, the
number of cars from 1,300 to 1,700, and
the number of lights from 250,000 to
450,000. At present the foreign market
is not easy enough to make borrowing on
easy terms possible, so immediate needs
are to be supplied by a syndicate of Tokyo
bankers.

The death occurred at Foochow on the
11th inst. of Mrs. Wolfe, wife of
Archdeacon Wolfe. Mrs. Wolfe came to
Foochow as a newly-married bride as
long ago as 1864, and had she lived a few
months longer would therefore have
celebrated her golden wedding. The
attendance both of foreigners and Chinese
was very large, while the wreaths placed
upon the grave spoke silently of the deep
sympathy felt for the Archdeacon and his
family in their bereavement.

The English mail of the 22nd November
was delivered in London on the 20th
December.

An elderly, well-preserved Chinese,
possessing "a snipe" that would not come
off," appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazeldene
at the Magistracy yesterday to answer a
charge of hawking Chinese medicine
without a licence. The man produced a
diploma, dated 33 years ago, certifying
him as a surgeon on emigrant ships, and
signed by Captain McEuen, then
Assistant-Harbourmaster, and Dr. Adams,
the then Medical Officer. The defendant
said he had been practising his "pro-
fession" on board ships ever since, but
now that he was getting old he had
decided to remain on shore, and came to
Hongkong for the purpose of continuing
his work. Inspector Dymond said the
man's appearance was a really good
advertisement for his medicines; if he
used them. His Worship told the man to
get a licence and allowed him to go on his
promising so to do.

THE VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR
OF INDO-CHINA.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS.

The following telegrams were, subse-
quently to the departure of the flagship
Montcalm, exchanged by wireless between
His Excellency Monsieur Surraut,
Governor-General of Indo-China, and the
Officer Administering the Government:
From the Governor-General of Indo-
China to the Officer Administering the
Government, Hongkong:—
"Au moment où je quitte Hongkong
je tiens à vous remercier très vivement
de l'hospitalité et cordiale que vous
m'avez offerte dans cette admirable cité
et à vous dire excellent souvenir que
j'emporte de mon séjour comme de mes
relations avec les honorables autorités
civiles et militaires du Gouvernement
de H.M. Britannique."
From the Officer Administering the
Government, Hongkong, to Governor-
General of Indo-China:—
"My grateful thanks to Your Excel-
lency for your kind message. Your
visit to Hongkong has given great
pleasure to all of us and I regret that
you had to leave us so soon."

THE FORTHCOMING RACE
MEETING.

We have received the programme for
the forthcoming annual race meeting
under the auspices of the Hongkong
Jockey Club, which is fixed for Monday,
Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 16th, 17th
and 18th February. We note that there
are eleven races each day, instead of ten
as in past years, and the prizes in many
instances have been increased. Among
the new races are the Jockey Club Stakes
for China ponies on the first day with
prizes of \$1,000; \$250, and \$100. The
"Black Rock" Stakes for griffins on the
second day with prizes of \$500, \$200, and
\$100. On the third day the Mongolian
Stakes for griffins with prizes of \$750,
\$250, and \$100.
On the Off-Day, Saturday, February
21st, there are two new events—the Tytam
Handicap for griffins—prizes \$750, \$250,
and \$125, and the Hongkong Handicap,
open to all China ponies entered at the
meeting—prizes \$750, \$250, and \$125.

THE SECOND BATCH OF SUBSCRIPTION
GRIFINS.

The thirteen subscription griffins
brought down from Shanghai on the
Anhui were drawn for at the Race Course
last evening with the following result:—
25.—Iron Grey..... Mr. A. J. David.
27.—Chestnut..... Sir Paul Chater.
28.—White..... Mr. H. P. White.
29.—Brown..... Officers D.C.L.I. Mess.
30.—Dun..... Major and Dr. Fitzwilliams.
31.—Piebald..... Mr. Hiscough.
32.—Marble Grey..... Mr. A. F. Soares.
33.—Grey..... Mr. F. Maitland.
34.—Light Dun..... Messrs. Thomas and Kopsch.
35.—Brown..... Mr. Harold Seth.
36.—White..... Mr. S. Forrest.
37.—Dun..... Mr. G. K. H. Brutton.
38.—Dun..... Mr. G. K. H. Brutton.

The hatch is inferior to the twenty-five
sent down last week.

Sir Paul Chater's string of ponies have
come down by the steamer *Kwanglee*.

CHRISTMAS AT THE STORES.

For the convenience of customers
Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s store
will be open until 6 o'clock to-day and
to-morrow, and will be open as usual on
Saturday, the 27th inst.

In order to suit the convenience of the
public during the Christmas Season,
Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., are keeping
their store open to-day and to-morrow
until 6 p.m.

For the convenience of the public,
Messrs. Grace & Co. announce that their
Christmas Toy Store will be open until
7 p.m. to-night and to-morrow.

THE TROOPING SEASON.

The programme of relief movements of
British and Indian units during 1913-14
include the transfer of the 8th Rajputs
from Hongkong to Seunderabad. The
40th Pathans are to come to Hongkong
from Alipore, and the 74th Punjabis come
here from Lucknow.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIRE IN PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD.

HALF A MILLION STERLING DAMAGES.

TWO SIGNALMEN PERISH.

LONDON, December 22nd.

A fire at Portsmouth Dockyard on
Saturday evening destroyed a semaphore
tower, and a number of documents dating
back to the time of Lord Nelson were
burned. A sail loft and rigging house
were also destroyed. Bluejackets and
soldiers worked their hardest to
extinguish the flames, which flared up to
100 feet high on occasions and illumined
the whole harbour.

The new battle-cruiser *Queen Mary*,
which was moored at a jetty, was in
jeopardy, embers falling on her decks.
The vessel was towed out of danger, and
the fire was controlled at midnight.

Two signalmen at the semaphore tower,
who had pluckily remained behind to send
a general alarm message, are missing. It
is practically certain that they perished.
A third signalman managed to escape on
the roof and was rendered senseless.

The fire was checked when it had
reached to within eight feet of tanks con-
taining 30,000 tons of oil.

The damages are estimated at half a
million sterling.

No credence is placed in a rumour that
the fire was caused by Suffragettes.

THE GERMAN TRAGEDY.

FURTHER DETAILS.

POSEN, December 22nd.

In regard to the tragedy at Count
Mielczinski's residence, in which the
Countess and her nephew were shot dead
by the Count, it appears that the nephew
was staying with the Count and Countess.
The Count had been suspicious for some
time of the relations between his wife and
the nephew, who was the son of her half-
sister. Returning from a party at 4
o'clock in the morning, the Count
noticed his wife's room lit up. Hearing
a noise in the room, he went to
investigate, taking a sporting gun with
him, and found the couple together.

AVIATION PROGRESS IN FRANCE.

MR. CHURCHILL WITNESSES REMARKABLE
SPECTACLE.

PARIS, December 22nd.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who is on a
visit to France, for the purpose of
inspecting the progress of aviation,
visited the aerodrome at Buc, and saw
over 40 armed military aeroplanes in the
air simultaneously. Several British
officers who were accompanying the First
Lord also made flights.

INDIAN MAIL HELD UP BY
PATHAN OUTLAWS.

PESHAWAR, December 22nd.

A band of Pathan outlaws held up the
Peshawar-Calcutta mail at Peshangira,
near Nowshera, killed the driver, fireman,
and guard and started to loot the cars,
but fled upon the appearance of four
British officers and some soldiers.

Troops from Nowshera have started in
pursuit.

MURDERED BY CANNIBALS.

FATE OF GERMAN SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.

BRISBANE, December 22nd.

Cannibals at Neu Mecklenburg (New
Guinea) have murdered two German
scientists and fourteen natives who form-
ed their escort. The victims were engaged
in collecting specimens of timber.

HEAVY-WEIGHT BOXING.

LANGFORD BEATS JEANNETTE.

PARIS, December 22nd.

Sam Langford beat Joe Jeannette in the
thirteenth round in a contest styled
the heavy-weight championship of the
world. Langford held the upper hand
throughout, and knocked his opponent
down three times in the thirteenth round.

A MOTOR FATALITY.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Mr. Slack, the airman, has been killed
in a motor accident at St. Albans.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, December 22nd.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR WM. REES
DAVIES, K.C., AND MR. H. H. J.
GOMPERTZ (PUISE JUDGE).

A CLAIM BY THE KWANGTUNG GOVERNMENT.

In the action Lung Chai Kwong,
Governor of the Province of Kwangtung,
and Wo Wing Pan, Commissioner of
Finance in the Province of Kwangtung,
vs. Chung Sau Nam, and the Russo-Asiatic
Bank. The appeal was brought by the
defendants against an order of the Chief
Justice, made in Chambers, refusing to
dismiss the action, on the ground that it
was not a proper action to be brought in
the Supreme Court of Hongkong. There
was also a motion to have the action
dismissed on the ground that it was
frivolous, vexatious, and an abuse of the
process of the Court. The claim in the
original action was for \$150,000, the prop-
erty of the Kwangtung Government.

Sir Francis Piggott and Mr. C. G.
Alabaster (instructed by Mr. Hind) were
for the appellants, and Mr. Eldon Potter,
along with Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed
by Mr. Master) represented the respon-
dents.

Mr. Potter mentioned at the outset,
with regard to a motion for security of
costs, that in Chambers his Lordship made
an order dismissing the application just
now before him in the way of appeal, with
costs. Until Thursday last the costs had
not been paid by the defendant and that
being so they filed the motion. After the
filing of the motion the costs were paid,
and he now suggested that the question
of costs should now go into Chambers.

Sir Francis Piggott—So far as this is
concerned we are quite willing to pay
the costs by a summons in Chambers, but
not by motion.

Mr. Potter then asked his Lordship
to adjourn and hear the whole matter in
Chambers; he did not want to cause any
delay.

His Lordship settled the point by
remarking that he granted liberty to
apply in Chambers if necessary.

Sir Francis Piggott then opened by
explaining that there was a motion of
appeal from a judgment of his Lordship
given in Chambers, and there was also
a motion to dismiss the action, in the
inherent jurisdiction of the Court, as
frivolous, etc. That motion, he held, was
the more important of the two, and he
applied that the two motions should be
heard together. The arguments in both
motions merged, and his view was that the
motion to dismiss the action covered the
whole ground. By taking the two motions
together it would save expense and also
save going over the same ground twice.

The point on which he was going to
rest the appeal was that Ordinance 1
of 1851 was only an application of the
principles laid down in Logan's case. The
application to dismiss the action was also
based on Logan's case, in Logan and the
Bank of Scotland, and he held that it
was impossible to separate the two. It
would also be manifestly convenient for
the two applications to be heard together,
and their Lordships had the necessary
jurisdiction to do that.

The Chief Justice said the difficulty was
that the other side were *prima facie*
intending to get a decision on the appeal
on the evidence, and the facts, as they
were before him in the Court below.

Sir Francis replied that the facts would
not be altered so far as the ground of
the motion to dismiss was concerned.
There would be no facts introduced other
than those facts which were before the
Court in the application under Ordina-
nce 1 of 1851. Facts came in on the
second ground.

In reply to his Lordship Sir Francis
said the appeal was merely incidental.

Mr. Potter opposed the application.
The two Judges present formed a Court
of Appeal and they were being asked, as
such, to hear an application to dismiss
an action. In the first instance the
application *re* costs would be wholly
unnecessary, and the second motion would
also be wholly unnecessary if the appeal
was successful. The procedure suggested
by Sir Francis was all wrong. He sub-
mitted also that the motion was of such
an important character that the plaintiffs
were entitled to say that they must have
an order of procedure, and go first to the
Judge, then a Full Court of three Judges,
and if necessary go before Privy Council.

Sir Francis drew attention to the
peculiar character of that appeal. They
had only two Judges in Hongkong and
thus the curious position was created of
a Judge who had dismissed an action in
Chambers hearing an appeal for the
reversal of that decision. He also con-
tended that the action was one which
really should have been heard in China.

Their Lordships retired to consider the
point raised and upon their return the
Chief Justice said:—We are clearly of the
opinion that this application should be

refused. It is submitted by Sir Francis
Piggott that to hear the motion, together
with the appeal, will permit of the
introduction of entirely new matter;
further, the respondents are entitled to
have a decision of the Court on the
Appeal, which, if they are successful,
would entitle them to their costs. It is,
of course, open to the Full Court if they
desire at any time to sit on matters in
Original Jurisdiction, but the present
application involves the Full Court
sitting *in pari passu* in Appellate and
Original Jurisdiction, a course which will
establish a precedent of a far-reaching
character.

The Court then proceeded to deal with
the appeal. Sir Francis remarked that
the whole of the case turned on Chan
Kwing Ming, and he again contended that
the previous action was one which could
only be tried in the forum of China.
The case of Logan and Ordinance 1, 1851,
showed, to all intents and purposes, they
were unanimous that the action should
never have been allowed to proceed.

The Chief Justice intimated that he was
basing his judgments on the literal con-
struction of the Ordinance.

Sir Francis added that that Court could
not allow itself to be made use of in lieu
of the natural forum; and the natural
forum in which that action should have
been tried was China.

Mr. Potter submitted that Logan's case
was one far from supporting the case for
the defendant; it was authority against
him. Assuming that the money belonged
to the plaintiffs, were the plaintiffs to
leave it not safeguarded so that the
defendant, who had taken it, could deal
with it as he thought fit? If that were
so any corrupt officials could fly to Hong-
kong and keep all their "body." In
other words, Hongkong would be a very
refuge for people who had robbed their
masters. Let them assume, and he was
then putting it in the strongest possible
way for the defendant, that the plaintiff
could go into the witness-box and say
that he made the defendant a present of
the \$150,000, it would still be the Govern-
ment's money. Chan Kwing Ming was only
the servant of the Kwangtung Govern-
ment. They might say that the Governor
of Hongkong could make a present of a
large sum of money to any official, and
the Government could not ask for the
return of that money. They could.

Sir Francis—Are you prepared to
substantiate that?

Mr. Potter replied that an agent could
never act beyond his authority. In reply
to the Puisse Judge Mr. Potter added
that Mr. Master was perfectly willing
to give an undertaking on the part of
the plaintiffs that any witnesses who
could be procured by the Chinese Govern-
ment in Canton on behalf of the
defendant would be obtained. He
expressed the opinion, however, that
people who could give any evidence as
to that particular transaction were a
very limited number. They would be
reducing the whole thing to an absurdity,
he submitted, if they adopted Sir
Francis's suggestion and failed to consider
the question of the injustice which would
accrue to the plaintiff.

Just before the Court rose Mr. Potter
mentioned that Mr. Jenkin had found
another authority which would show that
Sir Francis's suggestion was even more
than an absurdity, and he would ask
leave to speak on that authority on the
morrow.

The hearing was then adjourned until
to-day.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

A Cruiser Race for a Cup presented
by H.E. Mr. Claud Severn takes place
on the 28th inst., the course being:—
From a line between the Club flagstaff
and the chimney of the pump-house of
the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon round the
beacon in the Channel to the North-west
of Cheung Chow, leaving it to port, round
Stonecutters' Island, leaving it to star-
board and finishing across a line between
the Tamar and the Kowloon police pier.
Distance 22 miles. Start at 10 a.m. Time
limit, 9 p.m.:

Handicap.

	Scratch	allows
<i>La Cigale</i>	0 44	50
<i>Miranda</i>	0 45	50
<i>Oenone</i>	0 45	50
<i>Snipe</i>	0 45	50
<i>Queen Bee</i>	0 55	—
<i>Clara</i>	0 58	40
<i>Brynild</i>	1 15	30
<i>Dorothy</i>	1 17	—
<i>Iris</i>	1 22	30
<i>Scottenden</i>	1 22	30
<i>Flora</i>	1 28	—

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

Play will commence on Xmas Day, at
2 p.m., and on Boxing Day at 10.30 a.m.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY v. R.P.

THURSDAY'S XI.

A match between the above-mentioned
teams will take place on H.K.C.C.
ground on Saturday, 27th December,
play to commence at 10.45 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRITISH TRADE INTERESTS IN CHINA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

DEAR SIR.—The stress of competition in China to-day, by highly organized foreign commercial groups and houses, coupled with the opening up of China by roads and railways, makes it an imperative necessity that steps should be taken to consider how the trade of Great and Greater Britain can best meet the altered state of affairs.

So long as our houses were the only ones with large financial and Government backing in the East, no necessity existed for any great effort on the part of the home Government to foster our trade, but to-day, when we have to compete against highly organized, splendidly equipped, and State-aided groups, who maintain offices and depots in every port and provincial centre, who spend large sums annually in entertainment, who keep special banking accounts to enable them to make loans to highly-placed officials on advantageous terms, who maintain at their own expense intelligence departments to acquire the chiefs of the groups with the possibilities of trade, it becomes necessary that national rather than individual efforts should be made to cope with the situation.

Officially at the head of British Commerce in the East stands the Commercial Attaché, and to intelligently understand the position it is necessary to consider what the duties are attached to this post, and the manner the Government conducts it.

To adequately represent the trade of Great Britain, and of the Dominions beyond the seas, to the value of sixty-three million pounds import and export (1912), and to advise the British manufacturing and mercantile community of how it can best extend this trade, the Government appoint one gentleman, on the very modest salary of one thousand pounds per annum, and give him as a staff the services of a very ordinary Chinese typist. In order that his time may be very fully occupied, this officer is required to make out all the very fully detailed trade reports that are issued annually, work which, while necessary, is hardly the kind that commercial firms can afford to keep their heads of departments at, and generally to devote much of his time to routine work, that could quite well be done by others.

Private corporations and syndicates, who are concerned in single enterprises in China, not infrequently pay their Peking representatives upwards of three thousand pounds per year, besides maintaining compradores closely in touch with current events, and very fully equipped and staffed offices, and if this is necessary—and commercial houses would hardly go to the expense of so doing unless it was necessary—for comparatively small concerns, how much more necessary is it that a commercial nation as we are should be adequately represented?

Again, a resident Commercial Attaché in Peking cannot hope to be as efficient as one that travelled the country, and to place one man, however good a worker he may be, in a city that is not, and probably never will be, a commercial centre, where at best he can only obtain his knowledge of trade and trade conditions at second hand, cannot be to the best interest of our business.

British manufacturers are not interested so much in hearing or reading the reports of past years' business as they are in the present and future possibilities of trade, and no official can possibly give this information unless he lives in the midst of the trading centres of the Empire, and unless he has means at his disposal for the instant dissemination of the information at his disposal—which necessitates a fully-equipped office and subordinates fully alive to the responsibilities of their position. It stands to reason that in a country like China, where the means of communication internally are worse than they are in any similar sized area in the world (of commercial importance), and where language and customs are not similar throughout, and where conditions of trade vary enormously, that no one man could ever hope to keep in touch with the varying trade conditions, let alone report on the potential possibilities of fresh business throughout China to the Home manufacturers.

If the Government find it necessary to maintain a Commercial Attaché in Japan with its 235,000 square miles of territory, and one-tenth of the population of China, where means of travel and communication are far superior to those, how much more necessary is it for China, where the natural potentialities of trade are a hundredfold greater than they can possibly be in Japan?

It may be answered that British trade with Japan is more important than it is with China, but the office of Commercial Attaché is not to advise on existing trade so much as to give merchants the opportunity of intelligently preparing for future trade, and to enhance the volume of present business.

To be of any real service to British and Colonial merchants and manufacturers, it is a *sine qua non* that the Attaché should be free to travel all over the country, to examine existing trade, to advise on improvements of that trade, to note the mining, industrial, and engineering possibilities of the land, to see the various provincial and industrial authorities, and to generally make himself thoroughly conversant not only with the trade centres of China, but with the country generally.

For a single officer to do this is an impossibility. Now, with the existing means of travel, nor even were the country fully developed and opened up by railways, would this be possible, hence it must be admitted that the only solution lies in creating two or more Attachés, to deal with the situation as it exists.

This alone will not bring us in line with our competitors, nor give us equal opportunities; hence it is of the utmost necessity that fully-staffed offices be given the Attachés, together with those means that commercial rivals find necessary to use—to get the very latest news of business possibilities for our houses.

The cost of three fully-equipped offices, together with salaries for the three chiefs, their travelling and office assistants, together with offices and travelling expenses, rent and so forth, would not need to exceed ten thousand pounds per annum—not one-fortieth of one per cent. of the value of British imports alone last year.

The suggestion was well received in England that commercial agents should be established in the various trade centres of the empire to act in conjunction with the Commercial Attachés. It is the only one that appears to the writer to offer a solution of the position under review, as it is manifestly impossible for the Attaché to book orders on behalf of any firm or group of firms; and usually no word leaks out of any contract for the supply of goods until that contract is signed, hence unless the Attaché can communicate with an agent who has power to sign an agreement forthwith, that such and such business is offering at such and such a place, the bulk of the business sighted will be lost.

These agents could well represent, say, twenty or more manufacturers manufacturing similar though not identical goods, and each agent should be a man who knows one particular territory well, his potentialities, and requirements thoroughly, and such men could be found in China, whose services would of necessity be more valuable to Home manufacturers than those of any mere commercial traveller not acquainted with the peculiar conditions prevailing in any one territory.

Much of the success of our rivals lies in the fact that in dealing with provincial authorities their employees not only suggest good industrial schemes to the officials, but show them how such schemes may be made possible by arranging the finance sides of the question, by obtaining securities on valuable provincial assets, and, lastly, by remote centres, where there is little or no competition, instead of only having offices at the large ports where competition is rife. In this manner the local representatives know the potential business of the particular place they are in better than the most enterprising traveller can possibly hope to do, and so get the business.

It is not because our goods are not good value, or that they do not fill the needs of China, that we are dropping behind, but because we have not now, and we have never had in the past, the high organization necessary to compete with our rivals, and until the Government will take steps to remedy the defect at the head of affairs, individual efforts can do little.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR J. MOORE BENNETT.

Yunnanfu, December 11th, 1913.

P.S.—This letter is not a criticism of the holder of the office, but of the office.

THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—I do not wish to enter into a lengthy controversy with Mr. Roderick Random, but after reading his notes in your to-day's issue, you will allow me to say something more on his query, which he seems to put much clearer and which makes interesting reading.

I am happily a bachelor girl and have never suffered such stings as a matrimonial martyr or becoming one of the "new era" ladies, or anything else, but my purpose is that happy medium of up-lifting the status of women and to denounce the assumption of the mental superiority of men over women.

I am glad to read that Mr. Random is a brave champion of his sex so boldly refute the charges I made in general, but did not mean to individualise or to accuse him directly as one of those "horrid beings," but if he will only cast a second thought on my letter, he will admit that what I had written is perfectly true. He has not far to go to see the depravity of his sex in morals, commerce or in profession.

According to the census in the United Kingdom (1911) there were over a million more females than males, and I should like Mr. Random to tackle this problem alone. What must they do? Even if marriage is the natural complement of all happy and healthy human life, there is one incomplete and unfilled existence among thirty-five people.

It means that zero must turn up for someone in the circuit of every thirty-five destinies, and, if a "ball" is made, to point out my argument, the "odd man out" is tragically and inequitably, always a woman. In such a case are women not entitled or justified in doing as they please, either to choose the powder-puff or the snuff-box? Our liberty is free and why should we not at this promising age of progress elect the latter, if it is to our betterment, rather than wait upon the whims and caprices of the mere man. He is to-day too passionately fond of Club-life and other degenerating factors, and marriage only comes to him as somewhat of a surprise. It is admittedly true that the voluntary spinster is rare, and the economic upset of our compulsory competition in the labour market is due entirely to the man. I will go further and say that it would not make one iota of difference in the fall of the "marriage market," whether the brainy woman should take out her existence in commerce or otherwise, but he says it would put men on their mettle in the industrial, commercial, and professional world. We want competition. It is always healthy and beneficial to the public in general and, if the adoption of the snuff-box will enhance this, by all means we will by virtue accept it.

I shall look out with pleasure for the promised article.—Yours truly,

SUE.

Hongkong, 22nd December.

INTERVIEW WITH YUAN SHIH KAI.

PEKING, December 17th.

Reuter's Peking correspondent received private audience of President Yuan Shih-kai this morning.

The Forbidden City was covered with a mantle of snow, while the lake surrounding the island on which Emperor Kuang Hsu was imprisoned and where Vice-President Li Yuan-hung is now an honoured guest, was covered with ice, on which snow also lay.

The President received Reuter's correspondent in one of his private apartments, in which numerous visitors were waiting. President Yuan was in excellent health and spirits. In reply to a question, he emphasized that Parliament would be maintained.

He thought the political outlook was hopeful and added that he fully recognised the earnest and patriotic intentions of many Chinese political leaders who recently failed to work in unison with the Central Government.

They apparently thought that the establishment of the Republic represented the panacea for all China's troubles without taking into consideration the difficulties attending the change of the Government from that of a Monarchy to that of a Republic.

Some of the most ardent Republican leaders reminded him of a nurse attempting to feed a baby with food suitable for an adult. They desired to give the baby a full diet. The result would have been indigestion and its attendant ills. The proper treatment for the infant Chinese Republic was to give it food suitable for an infant and to nurse it carefully until the baby found its legs.

President Yuan said, however, that he hoped and intended to make use of the services of those admirable enthusiasts in the development of the Republic but they should be prepared to follow the Central Government's policy, which was to advance step by step, strengthening each position so as to support the next structure.

Much had already been accomplished but much had still to be done. President Yuan likened himself to a carpenter working under an architect. Parliament was the architect. Sometimes the carpenter was able to suggest easy methods of dealing with practical details, thereby preventing confusion and saving time and labor. The main points, however, always had to be carried out according to specifications.

INCREASE OF CUSTOMS. Asked for his views regarding the proposed increase in the Customs duties, the President said he thought the moment for such an increase had arrived. He pointed out that when the Revolution broke out many Southern leaders, with a view to gaining popular support, abolished likin and land taxes in various centres.

These taxes had not again been imposed. As an increase of Customs duties, according to international engagements, would mean the abolition of likin, it would be much better to adopt an increase now than after the Central Government had found it necessary to restore the abolished likin stations in order to secure funds for present needs.

The restoration of the stations would be costly and so also, would their re-abolition. First, however, it was necessary to make the present theoretical five per cent. duty effective as a basis for an increase, which should then be proceeded with without delay.

The Chinese Government had made representations to the Powers on the subject, and the President hoped the Powers would soon be discussed, for of course the sanction of the Powers was necessary.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK HOPEFUL. From the financial point of view President Yuan considered the outlook decidedly hopeful. The Customs revenue was now adequate to meet the needs of all loans and indemnities secured on it while the salt revenue was coming in in a highly satisfactory manner. It was true, that the financial stagnation had followed the Revolution and that the recent rebellion had further accentuated China's difficulties in that respect, but China was by no means a poor country.

Illustrating his point, as usual, President Yuan compared China in her present condition with a strong man suffering from defective circulation, which it was quite possible to remedy.

When proper financial advantages of a restored, with the added advantage of many foreign loans, the adoption of many beneficial foreign methods and the general enlightenment which was spreading throughout the country, the President felt convinced that China would justify the hopes of her many friends who had not lost faith in the country's future during the dark days of trouble and strife.

CANTON NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTON, December 29th.

THE PAPER CURRENCY.

The Civil Administrator, seeing that, as all Customs duties are collected in big dollars, the circulation of the paper currency is greatly affected, has again wired to the Board of Finance, requesting that the paper currency be made the standard of all Customs duty-collections, as in the case of the Salt Gabelle. This, he considers, will help to keep up the value of the paper currency, and afford, besides, an appreciable outlet for the over-abundant quantity of notes in circulation.

Yesterday, a notification was jointly issued by the Tuhuh and the Civil Administrator proclaiming it a crime to accept the paper currency at less than 75 per cent. of its face value. A meeting, which was attended by a very large gathering, was held at the Chamber of Commerce to-day to discuss the question. Numerous suggestions were thrashed out, principally that steps should be taken to obtain the revocation of the order prohibiting gambling in the province, which, however, was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The only conclusion came to was that, at present, the merchants could do nothing more than to promise to accept paper money at 70 per cent. of its face value, and it is understood that a petition has been sent to the authorities to this effect. The leading Chinese bankers, and, in fact, the whole of the community, seem sanguine that following the re-opening of the "joy-houses," a considerable appreciation will take place in the value of Kwangtung notes. It may here be added that the brothel monopoly was granted to the Sam Yit Co., and, judging from the number of workmen engaged in re-adorned these houses in the Western Suburb, it would seem that their re-opening will take place at no very distant date.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL LUNG.

Bearing in mind the numerous reports that Governor-General Lung will proceed to the Capital to participate in the Conference convened by the President, it is interesting to note the report that Tuhuh Lung has decided to postpone his visit to the Metropolis, "as Kwangtung, having just recovered from the effects of the late revolt, is much in need of his services." He will probably be represented by either Tuhuh Luk of Kwangsi or his brother, Vice-Commissioner Lung, at the Conference.

MORE REBELS.

During the last few days, five rebels have been summarily shot and several arrests effected, involving some 20 suspected persons alleged to have had some connection with the recent plots to raise another rebellion.

CENSORSHIP OF THE PRESS.

The following communication has been sent to the various newspapers by the Chief of Police:—

DEAR SIR.—I am in receipt of the following order from the Administration Office:—

In future, intelligence relating either to military affairs or to matters involving the friendship of China and the Foreign Powers, that has not first been published in the *Government Gazette*, shall be kept strictly secret and not reproduced by the Press, and I have to request you to take due note thereof.

(Signed) TAO YU KWONG.

ON FOOT ACROSS AFRICA.

—A WONDERFUL JOURNEY BY A LADY.

Miss Gertrude M. Benham, in a letter dated from *U. S. Gascogne*, Mozambique Channel, gives a short account of a remarkable journey made by her across Africa.

She left England in October, 1912, for Forcados, and proceeded up the Niger to Baro and by train to Kano. From there, on foot, she travelled to Bauchi, Yola, and across the frontier into Cameroon, to Garua, Ngaurere, Babu, Carnot, Nola, and on to Mongoremba on the Ubangi river, where she had to take a boat to Irebu on the Congo, as there were no roads there, the country being mostly forest and swamp. While waiting for the steamer at Irebu she visited Lake Tumba, and travelled from Irebu to Stanleyville, thence, on foot, went to Baifaboli, Avakubi, and Iramu, across the Semliki, into Uganda. Proceeding by Mbarara into German East Africa she went to Kigari and on to Lake Kivu; she visited some of the volcanoes, including the new crater formed by the eruption last December. She came down the lake in a native canoe, and then went on foot to Lake Tanganyika. She continued her journey by steamer down the lake to Bismarckburg, and then travelled on foot to Abercorn and Kiyamba and Fife to Karenga, on Lake Nyasa. Taking the steamer to Fort Johnston, she again travelled on foot to Zomba, Blantyre, Mt. Manje, visiting the plateau there and at Zomba—and to Mlanje Road, where her camp life ended and she took train and river boat back to China.

Miss Benham travelled with only a cook-boy and seven porters, and was absolutely unarmed, and she writes that, except for a few worries with porters, she had no annoyance of any sort and remained quite free from fever.

THE POLICE BALL.

This annual fixture, which becomes deservedly more popular as each year comes round, took place at the City Hall last night, and although the climatic conditions were far from favourable, the ball must rank among the most successful ever held by the Police. Without being extravagant.

The decorations of the various rooms, without being extravagant, were carried out with taste and care, the responsible Committee being composed of Inspector Grant, Serjts. Clark and G. Watt, and P.C.'s Cotton, Brown, Singleton, H. Wilson, and J. Harron. The entrance to the Halls was adorned with a plentiful supply of palms and festoons of greenery were hung from the St. George's Hall, which was, as usual, utilised for the dancing, an excellent floor having been prepared. The supper tables were laid in St. Andrew's Hall, which was also prettily embellished. The Chamber of Commerce room provided a snug and comfortable retreat for the less ardent spirits, who preferred to enjoy a quiet game of cards, and the comfort of each and every guest was ensured by the assiduous attendance of the various officials.

Detective-Serjt. R. C. Watt, of the Treasury Department, discharged the by no means light duties of Hon. Secretary with ability and enthusiasm, and the M.C.'s (Inspector Grant, Serjt. Clark, and P.C.'s Harron and Taylor) spared no effort to look after the dancers' enjoyment. The bar was in charge of Detective-Serjt. H. G. Clarke, and P.C.'s Reid, McFall, and H. Wilson, Serjt. Tetstall and P.C. Coote having control of the card-room. Chief Inspector Gourlay proved an urbane Chairman, Detective Peplow a hard-working Hon. Treasurer, and Inspector Watt and Grant energetic Stewards.

The music was supplied by the band of the 2nd Bn. D.C.L.I., and dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock. The programme comprised 20 items, including three waltzes, two Lancers, two quadrilles, two Caledonians, two virelets, military two-step, Barna dance, D'Alberts, eight-some reel, G. M. and Lancers, La Rinka, Circassian circle, and Boston two-step. It is estimated that there were nearly 300 dancers, a number considerably in excess of that of the preceding years.

Among those who attended were the Hon. Captain-Superintendent of Police and Mrs. Messer, the Deputy-Superintendent (Mr. T. H. King), the Assistant-Superintendent (Mr. G. B. Sayer), and Capt. Woodhouse.

"TOSA MARU" ON FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

FLAMES CHECKED.

Shortly after ten o'clock last Tuesday morning, the Municipal Fire Brigade received a message from the manager of the N.Y.K. to the effect that the N.Y.K. str. *Tosa Maru*, 3,610 tons, Captain T. Sato, which arrived in Shanghai from Calcutta, and Hongkong on the 14th inst., was on fire alongside the Wayside wharf, and asking for the assistance of the Brigade in extinguishing the flames. The Chief Officer made a prompt response and the motor engine and other gear from Nos. 2 and 4 companies were quickly despatched to the wharf, while the Municipal fire float, lost no time in proceeding to the burning vessel. On arrival the firemen proceeded on board the vessel and found that a fire was in progress in the No. 3 hold containing about 5,000 tons of rape seed cake and other general cargo, but owing to the dense smoke it was impossible for the firemen to descend into the hold, so jets from the fire float were played for about half an hour and efforts were then made to smother the fire by battering down the hatches of the hold and further by steaming it out by means of steam pipes. The Brigade float remained standing by the ship all the afternoon, as did also the Chief Officer of the Brigade along with the coolie corps. The damage done, the *Shanghai Mercury* says, will be considerable, as far as can be estimated at present, and most of the cargo in the hold will have to be discharged so that the full extent of the damage to the cargo and the ship's frame can be ascertained. It was later learned that smoke was first seen issuing from the hold about midnight on Monday and the alarm was given and an investigation showed that fire was smouldering among the seed cakes. The vessel's fire appliances were pressed into service and streams of water were poured into the hold, which was soon partly flooded, but apparently without effect, as at daylight the fire was still smouldering, and when the vessel was visited between seven and eight o'clock by the River Police Patrol no particular mention of fire was made and no assistance was asked for, and as no sign of the fire could be seen from the outside, and it appeared to be under control the River Patrol left. As the fire still continued to burn a call was sent to the Municipal Brigade as stated. The land gear of the Brigade returned to quarters before the noon hour, leaving the fire float standing by, and at about 1 p.m. a call was sent to the Customs for the Customs fire float *Huining*, and she was at once manned and proceeded to the vessel with a large supply of salvage hose on board and the work of pumping out the hold commenced, though the fire was still in progress.

THE NEW WAY.

Daring indeed would be the policeman who attempted to open up "a new way" in the art of giving evidence in the Magisterial Courts. "Robert's" bald, clipped method of telling his story is apt to become wearisome, and it was quite refreshing to hear a constable at the Magistrate's yesterday, in giving evidence against a thief who was afterwards sentenced to a month in Victoria Gaol, declare that "As soon as the bloke spotted me he sang out and ran." He might have improved on the latter and said that "he looked it."

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IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, and Government Notification No. 397 of 1913, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1913. [1497]

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J. O'HARA, Colonel, A.P.D.,
Treasury Chest Officer.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1913. [1498]

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1913. [1469]

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General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1913. [1470]

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after 1st JANUARY 1914, all TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES which were registered at this Administration before 27th September, 1913, and which have not been renewed since by payment of a fee of \$12 for each address, will be cancelled and telegrams with cancelled addresses will not be delivered.

By Order,
WONG TING-CHAN,
Local Manager,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1913. [1457]

THE PEAK SCHOOL.

THIS SCHOOL will be OPENED at the PEAK HOTEL on MONDAY, January 5th, 1914, at 9 o'clock.

Application for admission should be made as early as possible to the Undersecretary.

M. E. MAIN,
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1913. [1387]

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1913. [1375]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 23rd December, 1913, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
J. A. WATSON & Co., Ltd.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
[1456]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1863,
and
IN THE MATTER OF GEO. FENWICK & COMPANY, LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 179 of the Companies Ordinance, 1863, that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidators, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1914, at 12 o'clock Noon, precisely, for the purpose of having an account showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, laid before such Meeting, and for the purpose of considering and approving the proposed final return of \$3.50 per Share on the issued Capital, determining the Liquidators' remuneration, hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidators thereof shall be disposed of.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, the Fourth day of December, 1913. [1401]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by JUDGMENT of the REGISTRAR OF TRADE MARKS in the Colony of Hongkong under date the 29th November, 1913, the above Trade Mark, of which the following is a facsimile:



has been held to be the sole Property of Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED, of Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, and in and by the same Judgment it was also held that Mr. Ho Wa CHUNG Ho WA SANG who as the sole Partner in the SUI CHEUNG Firm of No. 41, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, claimed such Trade Mark as his Property had no right or title thereto whatsoever.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that as the Registered owners of such Trade Mark Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED, will forthwith institute legal proceedings against any firm or person who may in any way infringe such Trade Mark whether by colourable imitation or otherwise howsoever.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1913. [1440]

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HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,
10, D'AGUIAR STREET.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1913. [145]

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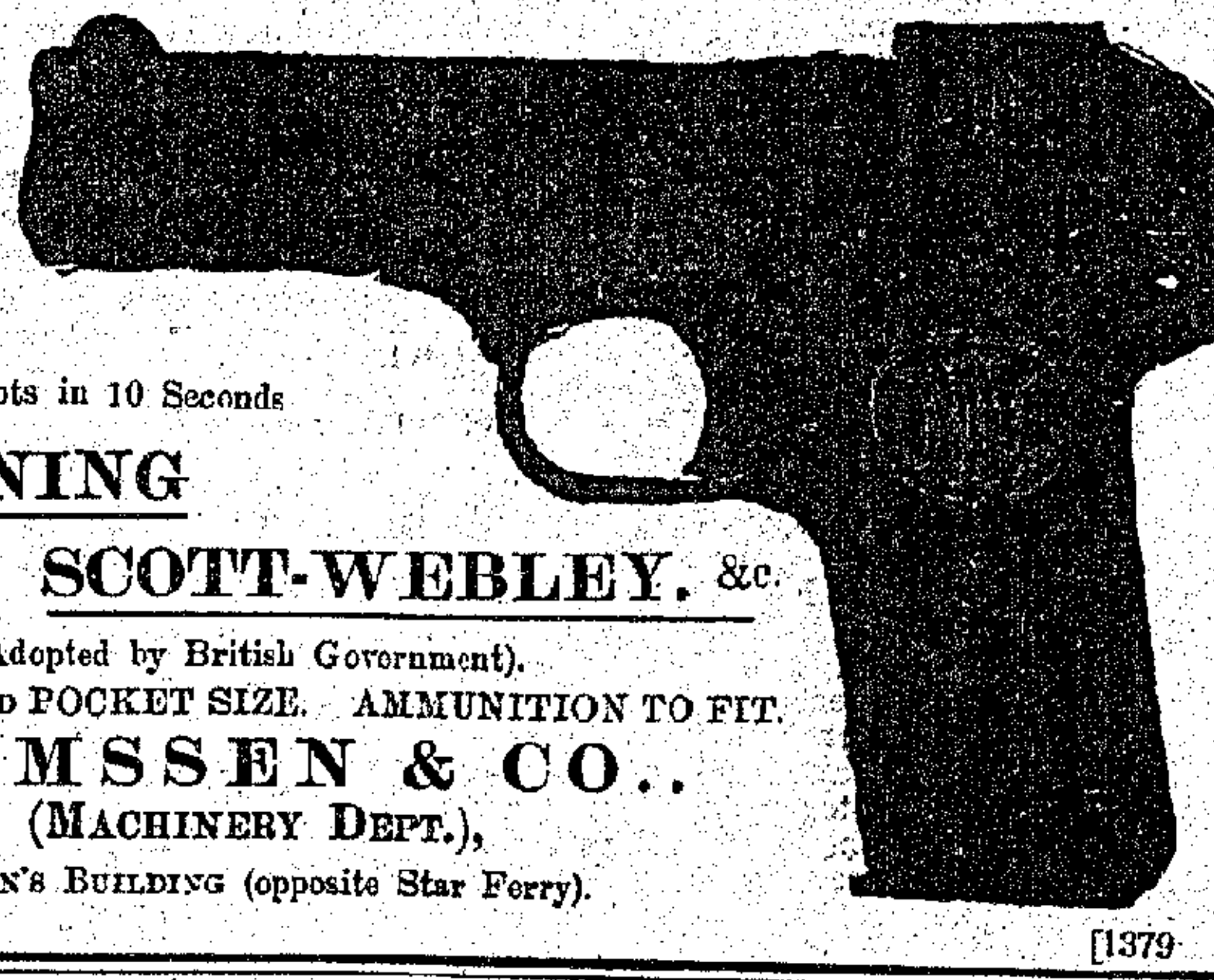
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MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

[1392]

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8 Shots in 10 Seconds

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ORDINARY AND POCKET SIZE. AMMUNITION TO FIT
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QUEEN'S BUILDING (opposite Star Ferry).

[1379]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE from This Date, handed over our Wine and Spirit Department to Messrs. MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co., to whom we recommend our patrons to apply for future supplies.

THE FRENCH STORE.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1913. [1283]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE purchased the stock of Wines carried by THE FRENCH STORE and will be pleased to receive enquiries for these High-Class Goods.

MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1913. [1284]

NOTICE.

WE have much pleasure in announcing to our Numerous Patrons and Customers that we have opened a NEW SILK STORE in the most up-to-date Style and Fashion at the Large and Commodious Premises No. 38 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by Messrs. H. RATTONJEE & Son, where we are displaying an entirely new, Handsome and Gorgeous Stock of SILK GOODS and JEWELLERY WARE of all Descriptions in a Variety of New, Elegant and Attractive Designs and Patterns.

The Stock includes a Choice Selection of Turkish, Persian and Indian SILK CARPETS and WOOLLEN RUGS in Chaste and Elegant Patterns.

Prices Specially Reduced for Summer.

Cheapest Store in the Colony.

An Early Visit Earnestly Solicited.

D. CHELLARAM,
Hongkong, 26th July, 1913. [1307]

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FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

HAMS, GEESSE, DUCKS,

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TURKEYS, CAPONS

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Register your orders early to avoid

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OFFICES in King's Building,
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Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1913. [165]

TO BE LET.

From 1st January, 1914—
No. 1 to 5, "AIMAI VILLAS," adjoining
"OLDESLOE," Kimberley Road,
Kowloon.
Apply to—
PATELL & Co.,
79, Wyndham Street, or
A. Abdulrahman, Architect,
34, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 26th November, 1913. [1372]

TO LET.

YALTA, MOUNT KELLETT (65, THE PEAK), for 7 months from March 15th, 1914, Fully Furnished. SIX ROOMS, Electric Light throughout, Croquet Lawn.
Apply to—
W. D. GRAHAM,
65, The Peak.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1913. [1452]

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

GODOWNS at 98, 99A, 99 and 99A, Praya East.
Apply to—
HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
Hotel Mansions.
Hongkong, 4th September, 1913. [1035]

TO LET.

SHOP, No. 12, Queen's Road Central.
No. 9, MOUNTAIN VIEW, PEAK.
2, FAIRVIEW, Nathan Road, Kowloon.
Apply to—
M. J. D. STEPHENS.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1913. [722]

TO LET.

OFFICES, ROOMS, and GODOWNS, on Ground and Second Floors, No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central, the Premises now occupied by The South China Morning Post, Limited. Possession, 1st May, 1914, or earlier.
FLATS, "WILD DELL," Wanchai Road. "HOMESTEAD," No. 45, Peak. Immediate possession.
Apply to—
SANG KEE,
Care of COMPTON DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1913. [1083]

TO LET.

NO. 13, GAGE STREET. Eight-Roomed House.
Apply to—
E. A. CARVALHO & J. V. BRAGA,
5, Macdonnell Road.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1913. [1439]

TO LET.

MERION, Nos. 9 and 10, PEAK, Unfurnished. 6 Rooms. Cheap rental, from 1st December. Newly Painted and Colourwashed.
No. 19, SHELLEY STREET.
"KELLET CREST" No. 66, THE PEAK, from 1st March, 1914, Partly Furnished.
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"ROGATE," Austin Road, Kowloon. Unfurnished.
No. 68, PEAK, MOUNT KELLETT (Church Mission Society Bungalow), from 1st October, 1913, till 30th May, 1914. Partly Furnished. Cheap rent.

FOR SALE or TO LET.

(From 1st November, 1913.)
No. 1, GOUGH HILL, No. 103, PEAK, Bungalow, containing Drawing, Dining and Smoking Rooms and Five Bedrooms. With Ground for Tennis Court.

FOR SALE.

"HARTING and ROGATE," on part of Kowloon Island Lot No. 1154.
Apply to—
LINDSEY & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, 26th December, 1913. [64]

TO LET.

OFFICE on Third Floor of Hotel Mansions.
Apply to—
HENRY HUMPHREYS
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1913. [1433]

TO LET.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Granville Avenue and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon. Cheap rentals.

SHOP with GODOWN attached, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Kowloon Marine Lot No. 48, with Wharf.

Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE Co., Ltd.,
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1913. [1331]

TO LET.

OFFICE in ALEXANDRA BUILDING.
Apply to—
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1913. [985]

AUCTIONS

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1913, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Reclamation Street, Yamat, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub-Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents	Approximate Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	Reclamation Street, Yamat	47 feet by 118 feet	5,546 sq. feet	70	11,092
					[1458]

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1913, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, of the right to quarry stones on the following lots of CROWN LAND around Kowloon Bay, in the New Territories, and elsewhere in the Colony of Hongkong, for a period of one year commencing from the 1st day of January, 1914.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sub-Registry No.	Locality	Approximate Area in Acres	Upset Price	Crown Rent
1	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 6	5.44	\$180	
2	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 7	6.70	\$234	
3	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 8	6.00	\$210	
4	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 9	1.54	\$54	
5	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 10	5.50	\$198	
6	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 11	2.98	\$105	
7	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 12	2.00	\$72	
8	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 13	2.00	\$72	
9	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 14	2.00	\$72	
10	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 15	2.00	\$72	
11	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 16	2.00	\$72	
12	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 17	2.00	\$72	
13	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 18	2.00	\$72	
14	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 19	2.00	\$72	
15	11th Lok Un Quarry Lot 20	2.00	\$72	

Full Particulars and Conditions may be obtained at the Office of PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

[1462]

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OVER 1,000 DOLLS IN STOCK.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1913. [1153]

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MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

BRITISH.
Alacrity, despatch-boat, 1,700 tons, 4 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Comdr. A. Cochrane, Hongkong.
Atlas, despatch-boat, 615 tons, 1,400 i.h.p., Hongkong.
Beagle, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. B. E. Prichard, Yangtze.
Britannia, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. W. R. Darvall, Hankow.
Cadmus, British ship, 1,070 tons, i.h.p., 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. Hugh P. E. T. Williams, Shanghai.
Cherub, water tank and tug, 390 tons, 340 i.h.p., Master W. Smith, Hongkong.
Clio, British ship, 1,070 tons, 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. Macleod, Shanghai.
Colna, T.B.D., 560 tons, guns 4-12 pr., i.h.p., 7,500 f.d., Lieut. M. Bush, Birkbeck.
Chelmer, T.B.D., 560 tons, guns 4-12 pr., i.h.p., 7,500 f.d., Lieut. H. E. England, Hampshire.
Hampshire, 10,650 tons, 21,000 f.d., 14 guns, Capt. Marcus Rowley Hill, Hongkong.
Jed, T.B.D., 550 tons, guns 4-12 pr., i.h.p., 7,500 f.d., Lieut. G. F. A. Mulick, Kinsba.
Kinsba, 616 tons, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. H. Marryat, Yangtze.
Merlin, surveying ship, 1,070 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p., Capt. F. G. O. Passo, Hongkong.
Minotaur, armored cruiser (Barship), Vice-Admiral T. H. Jellicoe, G.B., 27,000 i.h.p., Capt. E. B. Kiddle, Hongkong.
Moorish, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, 800 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Alan Dixon, Canton.
Newcastle, 2nd class cruiser, 4,800 tons, turbines, 22,000 f.d., Capt. F. A. Powell, Hongkong.
Nightingale, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Malcolm Murray, R.N., Yangtze.
Kennet, T.B.D., 550 tons, 4 guns, 12 pr., i.h.p., 7,500 f.d., E. K. Bodham Whitlam, Bibble.
Bibble, T.B.D., 550 tons, 750 f.d., 6 guns, Lieut. Comdr. Wilkinson, Hongkong.
Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. Fleetwood-Nash, West River.
Rosario, depot ship for Submarines, 980 tons, 1,400 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. F. A. Cromie, Hongkong.
Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. I. A. S. H. Hutton, West River.
Snipe, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie, Yangtze.
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,650 tons, 6 guns, Commodore R. Anstruther, C.M.G., Hongkong.
Triumph, battleship, 11,785 tons, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain Philip Streetfield, M.V.O., Hongkong.
Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, 800 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Hon. Guy Stopford, Changsha.
Thistle, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. H. R. Cottrell-Dormer, Hongkong.
Uak, T.B.D., 590 tons, 7,500 f.d., 6 guns, Lieut. Maxwell, Hongkong.
Welland, T.B.D., 590 tons, 7,500 f.d., 6 guns, Comdr. Seymour, Hongkong.
Wildcat, gunboat, 195 tons, 2 guns, 800 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. C. F. Barrett, Yangtze.
Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. M. B. R. Blackwood, Yangtze.

CONVENT SCHOOLS PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

Last evening the annual distribution of prizes took place at the Italian Convent, in the presence of Bishop Pozzoni.

The Manager's report stated that the past year had been one of progress both in the increased attendance and the better result obtained in the higher examinations. The average attendance for the five years 1908-1912 was 258 scholars and that of last year 393, or an increase of 13.57. The maximum enrolment was 349. It will be remembered that before her departure from the Colony Lady Lugard presented a Shield for the girls who had been the most reliable for integrity and who had exercised the best influence for good throughout the year. The names of the two girls who had earned the distinction of having their names inscribed on the Shield were:—1912—Miss Mary Leong, 1913—Miss C. M. de Jesus. For the Lugard Scholarship Miss Eva Figueiredo had been adjudged as the winner for 1912. The award for 1913 has not yet been made.

His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni offered sincere congratulations to the Reverend Mother and her devoted staff of teachers, for the excellent progress their school made last year in all its departments. With an increasing staff, greater efficiency and higher average attendance followed as the inevitable consequence. If the course of the school's development should progress at the rate obtained last year, they might be led to see the school double in number within the next ten years. The first class equipment of the School and the acquisition of the apparatus for the physics class all point to a desire on the part of the administration to bring the school well abreast of the time, so that all scholars attending it might derive all the advantages that are offered by a well-organized and ably staffed institution.

Addressing the elder girls, his Lordship said that the other day he heard discussed, at the meeting of the Catholic Women's League, the question of Girl Guides. If the girls could not be "guides" in the sense of the Boy Scouts, they could surely guide those around them along the path to what is good and virtuous. By observance of their religious duties, by application to their studies, by obedience to their teachers at school, and by submission to their parents at home, they would be capable of setting examples that would make them worthy daughters of their mother the Holy Catholic Church. In conclusion, the Bishop wished, to teachers and scholars alike, all the Christmas blessings and a happy vacation. (Applause.)

Prior to the distribution of the prizes, a splendid programme of music was gone through by students.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL.

At the prize distribution at this valued institution, the report presented by the Manager stated that, thanks to the improved efficiency in the teaching staff, which is now composed of four English teachers and one local teacher, the school attendance for the year had shown a substantial increase from the average number of 76 for the past five years to 109 last year. At the annual examination it was found that the class work was well done on the whole. As might have been expected, the needle work, music and drawing classes rendered a very good account of scholars for the Oxford Local Examination, with the result that six of the candidates obtained preliminary certificates and one the junior. While the requirements of the school curriculum had been zealously met, the teachers had not neglected the physical and moral parts of their duties. Regular physical drill had been conducted, with the resultant effect that the good health of the children has been well maintained. (Applause.)

Bishop Pozzoni, in the course of a few remarks addressed to the parents, said:—The fact of your sending your children to this establishment shows that you appreciate the teaching and sound education given here to your children. You desire that your daughters should receive the education and training which will fit them for their duties in after-life; and that, by their good conduct and the accomplishments which they have acquired while at school, they may be happy themselves and an honour and consolation to you. And you are right. One of the questions greatly discussed at the present day is that of education; and not without reason, for it is upon the education of the young that the happiness of nations and communities depend. With regard to this some people advance that the education of boys is of far more importance than that of girls. But this is only to a certain extent, for man is not destined to live and to work alone. If men are called to act and to accomplish great things in life, it is necessary that they should be seconded and aided by women who have received a thorough education which enables them to do so. Education trains faculty, draws out and develops natural gifts and talents, and partly atones for them where they are lacking. You see, therefore, of what great importance it is, to send your children to school regularly and to keep them there until they have acquired a knowledge suitable to their situation in life. In this school they have every facility of learning all that a well educated young girl can be expected to know. (Applause.)

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SHELL TRANSPORT.

"Is the Shell Transport Company being managed in the best interests of its shareholders?" writes a market correspondent to a London newspaper. "This is the question which is rather agitating some of the jobbers in the oil share market at the present moment, who notice that while most of the shares of the subsidiary companies in which the Shell Transport Company is supposed to have an interest are rising considerably in value, the shares of the parent company remain apathetic and even dull. We hear a good deal about the Shell group having valuable options on things like Ural Caspian, North Caucasians, and others, but that does not necessarily follow that any Shell Transport Company is deriving benefit from the advanced prices, though it may, and doubtless does, get the advantage of selling the product of these concerns. Are the many favourable deals we hear about deals by the company or merely by some of those interested in it?"

NEW DESIGNS FOR AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

The well-known kangaroo design on the present Australian stamps is to be discontinued, and the new 1d. stamp will bear a portrait of the King. The old stamp of a rather striking design, the kangaroo being represented within a silhouette map of Australia, but it has been criticized by philatelists as rather crude from an artistic point of view, while Australians have objected to it on patriotic grounds because it dispensed with the King's portrait. The denominations other than the 1d. stamp will be embellished with figures of the flora and fauna of Australia.

PASSED THE CANAL.

November 21st—Silesia.
Nov. 25th—Lennoy, Nunglow, Syria.
November 25th—Peleus, Ellen Hickmott, Thesaur.
December 2nd—Bendoran, Peilo, Shimosa, Yunnan, Rhesus.
December 5th—Dumica, Koerber, Kitano Maru, Lulzov, Somali, Preisen.
December 9th—Dunbar, Glenroy, Hyson, Indranti, Peking, Sumatra, Melford Hall, Polaria.
December 12th—Bokenia, Nyanza, Nelsus.
December 16th—Antenor, Belgravia, Bengloe, Denbigh Hall, Japan, Prinz Ludwig, Vorwaerts, Indraghiv.
December 19th—Iyo Maru, Macedonia, Perria, P. E. Friedrich, Glenfarg, O. J. D. Ailers.

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THERAPION

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A. R. LINTON, Manager.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1913.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ per cent. per annum. For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1911.

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK (NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK.)

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorized Capital Fl. 30,000,000 (22,500,000)
Paid-up Capital... Fl. 17,407,000 (21,450,000)
Reserve Fund ... Fl. 6,518,000 (2548,160)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE WILLIAMS DEBONIS BANK, SWISS BANKING CO.

The Bank transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money on Current Account and on Fixed Deposit at rates which may be ascertained on application.
G. VERMEY, Manager.
No. 5, Des Vœux Road Central.
Hongkong, 6th October, 1913.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital... £1,200,000
Reserve Fund ... £1,700,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and **FIXED DEPOSIT** received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. S. HEWETT, Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1913.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ... Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital... " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ... " 18,550,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies at:
Antung-Hsin, Liao-Yang, Ryojo, Calcutta, (Port Arthur) Bombay, London, San Francisco, Chungking, Los Angeles, Shanghai, Daicon (Daly), Lyons, Tientsin, Fengtien (Mukden), Nagasaki, Hankow, Newchwang, Tokyo, Harbin, New York, Honolulu, Kobe, Peking.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 30th September, 1913.

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital... \$15,000,000
Reserve Funds: Sterling \$1,500,000 at 2½; \$15,000,000 Silver... \$17,450,000

BANKERS:
\$32,450,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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G. R. Laurence, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. STABB.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. STEPHEN.

LONDON BANKERS:
LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th October, 1913.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: 60, Wall Street, New York.
LONDON OFFICE: 38, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:

Bombay, Kobe, Calcutta, Manila, Canton, Mexico, Cebu, Panama, Colon, Peking, Empire, San Francisco, Hongkong, Shanghai, Hankow, Yokohama.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS Gold \$7,200,000 equal \$1,480,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4 per cent. per annum or for shorter periods, at rates which may be ascertained on application.

BILLS NEGOTIATED AND COLLECTED. MAIL AND TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES made.

LETTERS OF CREDIT and **DRAFTS** granted on all the principal cities in the World.

THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the World.

COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.

PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.

TRAVELLERS' CHECKS sold and cashed.

GEORGE HOGG, Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 21st October, 1913.

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THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

Capital... Yen 10,000,000
Capital Subscribed (paid up)... 6,250,000
Reserve Fund ... 2,620,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Amoy, Swatow, Tainan, Anping, Kobe, Tamsui, Canton, Nagasaki, Tokyo, Foochow, Osaka, Yokohama, Keelung, Shanghai.

HONGKONG OFFICE,

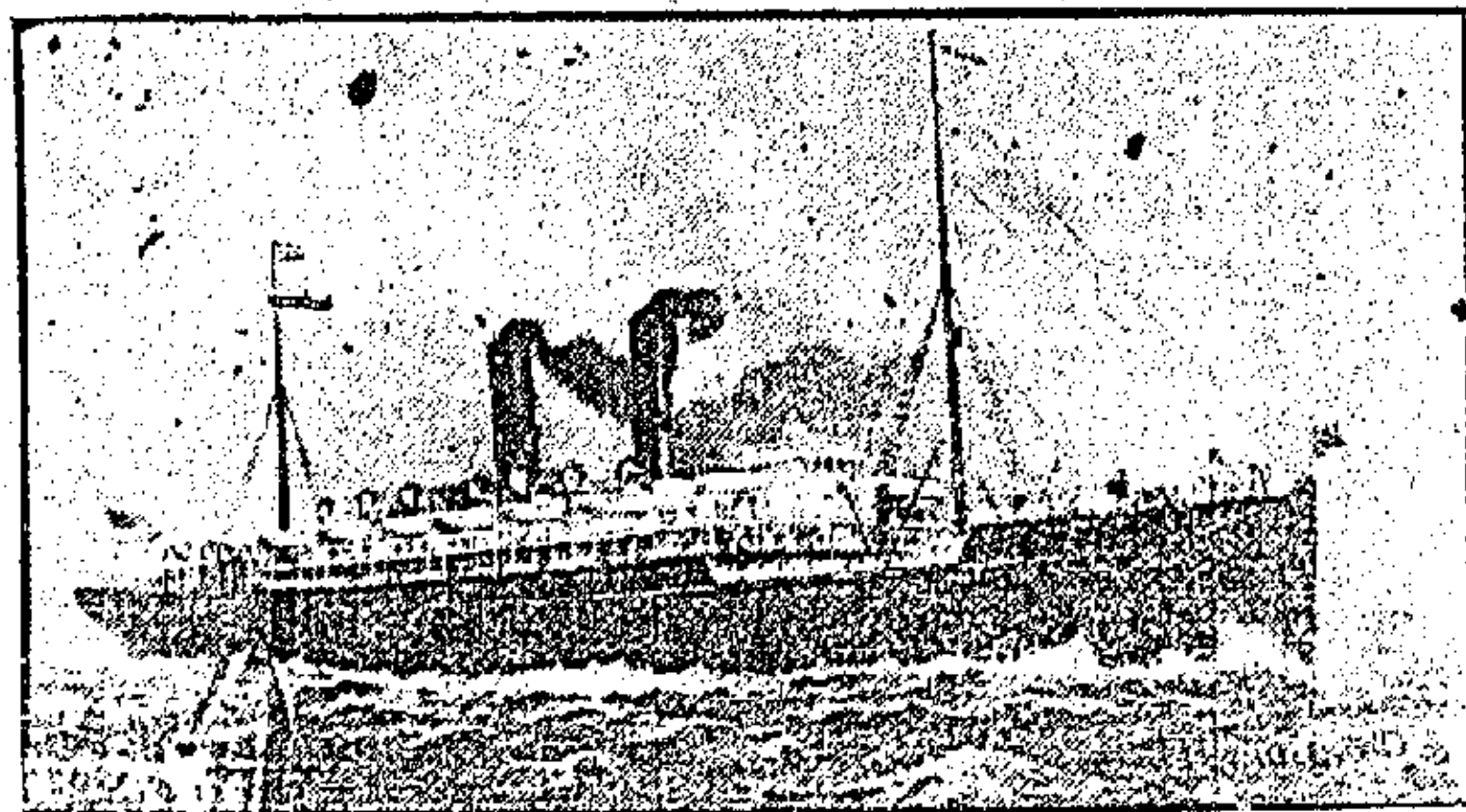
3, Des Vœux Road.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.

K. TSUDZURABARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1913. [1272]

PACIFIC MAIL

STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THE AMERICAN LINE TO SAN FRANCISCO.



From HONGKONG calling at SHANGHAI, or MANILA, NAGASAKI, KOBE (via Inland Sea), YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU (the Paradise of the Pacific). Through Service via NEW YORK to EUROPE.

SOME FEATURES OF SERVICE.

ELECTRIC FANS, SWIMMING TANK, ORCHESTRA, AMUSEMENTS, WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY, SUBMARINE SIGNAL SERVICE, AND BILGE KEELS. CUISINE UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF MR. V. MORONI, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CATERERS.

Return Portion of Round Trip Tickets, available for Passage via C.P.R. from Vancouver if desired. Through Passengers have the privilege of travelling by Rail between Ports of Kobe and Yokohama.

STEAMERS	Tons	Sailing	TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at Noon.
CHINA	1,200		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.
MANCHURIA	27,000		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.
NILE	11,000		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.
MONGOLIA	27,000		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.
PERSIA	9,000		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.
KOREA	18,000		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.
SIBERIA	18,000		TUESDAY, 30th Dec.	at 1 p.m.

S.S. "CHINA," S.S. "NILE" and S.S. "PERSIA" will proceed to Manila and thence direct to Nagasaki.

HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE.

FROM HONGKONG.	Arrive Manila.	Leave Manila.	Due Hongkong.
30th Dec. ... CHINA	1st Jan.	21st Dec.	CHINA
10th Jan. ... NILE	12th Jan.	31st Dec.	MANCHURIA
7th Feb. ... PERSIA	5th Feb.	27th Jan.	PERSIA

FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE, APPLY TO—

R. C. MORTON, AGENT.

KING'S BUILDING (opposite Blake Pier). TELEPHONE No. 141.
Panama-Pacific International Exposition—San Francisco—1915.

INDIAN AFRICAN LINE.

Cargo carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (Natal), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN with transshipment at COLOMBO to Steamers of the INDIAN AFRICAN LINE.

FROM HONGKONG:	PROPOSED SAILINGS.	FROM COLOMBO
3rd January, 1914.	"KATANGA"	16th January, 1914.

ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE.

Regular Direct Service from JAPAN, CHINA AND STRAITS to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN, calling at MAURITIUS if sufficient inducement offers, and affording the Quickest Freight Transport from the ORIENT to SOUTH AFRICA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

From Hongkong	"SALAMIS"	Middle of February, 1914.
FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR PASSENGERS.		
FITTED WITH WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.		
For Rates of Freight and Passage apply to		

For Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to
THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,
MANAGING AGENTS.

BRITISH INDIA S. N. CO., LTD.

APCAR LINE.

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN
CALCUTTA, STRAITS, SHANGHAI AND JAPAN PORTS

EASTWARD
S.S. "ARRATOON APCAR," 4,450 tons, Capt. W. Walker, will be despatched to SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI on 27th December.
S.S. "THONGWA," 6,298 tons, Captain O. M. Robins, will be despatched to YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI on 6th January.

WESTWARD
S.S. "GREGORY APCAR," 4,600 tons, Capt. J. E. Drake, will be despatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA on 28th December, at Noon.
S.S. "DUNERA," 5,389 tons, Capt. Dickinson, will be despatched as above on 30th December.

The above Steamers have excellent Saloon accommodation for Passengers and are fitted with all modern conveniences and carry a duly qualified surgeon.

For Freight or passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
AGENTS.

SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

GOTHENBURG.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TONS	DATE OF SAILINGS.
COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIC PORTS	"CEYLON"	9,000	About 15th Jan.

For Freight and Further Particulars, apply to
ARTHUR NILSSON & CO.,
YORK BUILDINGS, TOP FLOOR.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE
VIA SUEZ CANAL.
FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN
VIA SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	"DUMBEA"	On 29th December.

HOMEWARD	STEAMER	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"POLYNESIE"	On 29th December.

TRANSHIPMENT on the Co's Steamers at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AUSTRALIA, at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.

Through Tickets to LONDON via PARIS, from £27.10 up to £71.10. 20 hours Railway from MARSEILLES to LONDON. Interpreters meet passengers on their arrival in MARSEILLES.

For further particulars apply to
S. O. DE BUSSIERRE, ACTING AGENT,
QUEEN'S BUILDING.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG.

TUESDAY, 23rd DEC., 1913.

8 a.m. FATSHAN. 8 a.m. HUANGSHAN.

10 p.m. HUANGSHAN. 8 p.m. KINSHAN.

WEDNESDAY, 24th DEC., 1913.

8 a.m. KINSHAN. 8 a.m. FATSHAN.

10 p.m. FATSHAN. 8 p.m. HUANGSHAN.

A Telephone Service has been recently installed on the Canton Company's Steamers. Day Steamers Call No. 776, Night Steamers Call No. 776.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. SUI TAI, Tons 1,651. S.S. TAISHAN.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sundays at 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1913.

The Company's New Steamship "TAISHAN"

Will depart from the Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 4 p.m. N.B.—The Company will also run a Steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m., and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

F.A.R.E.S.

SALOON Single \$3, Return \$5. 1st Class Single \$2, Return \$3. 2nd Class Single \$1, Return \$2. Staterooms—Saloon \$1 per person each way. 1st and 2nd Class 50 cts. per person each way.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. SUI AN, 1,651 tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m.

Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. SAI NAM, 588 tons, and S.S. MANNING, 569 tons.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct Steamers LINTAN and SANTI. These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,

Hotel Mansions (First Floor), opposite the Blake Pier.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

IN CONNECTION AT TACOMA AND SEATTLE WITH

THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY CO.

SOUTH AMERICA LINE.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA VIA JAPAN PORTS.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"SEATTLE MARU"	T. Sato	THURSDAY, 25th Dec., at 1 p.m.
"MEXICO MARU"	N. Kobayashi	WEDNESDAY, 7th Jan., at 1 p.m.
"CHICAGO MARU"	I. Goto	THURSDAY, 22nd Jan., at 1 p.m.
"CANADA MARU"	H. Yamamoto	
"TACOMA MARU"	T. Hamada	
"PANAMA MARU"	J. Kaneko	

Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA.

Calling at MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA.

These Newly-Built Steamers have fair speed and are fitted with the Wireless Apparatus.

A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given toward Express connection.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG AND COLOMBO.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"JAVA MARU"	K. Hori	MONDAY, 5th Jan., 4 p.m.
"SAIGON MARU"	T. Yamaguchi	
"INDO MARU"	K. Komiya	

CHINA AND FORMOSA LINE.

FOR FOOOHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer "KAISO MARU" ... Y. Yamamoto ... WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon.

FOR TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer "DAIJIN MARU" ... K. Murakami ... SUNDAY, 28th Dec., at 10 a.m.

"DAIGI MARU" ... S. Tokushige ... SUNDAY, 4th Jan., at 10 a.m.

FOR ANPING AND TAKAO VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer "SOSHU MARU" ... K. Tashira ... THURSDAY, 25th Dec., at 8 a.m.

FOR CANTON.

Steamer "SOSHU MARU" ... K. Tashira ...

These Steamers of Coast and Formosa Line have Excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans.

These Steamers will arrive at and depart from Soan Xip Wharf (near the Harbour Office, Praya Central).

For FURTHER INFORMATION, apply to

Z. KAMIYA,

MANAGER.

Second Floor No. 1 Queen's Building.

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PHILIPPINES S.S. CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Cebu and Iloilo	On 23rd Dec., 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO	4000	P.S. McMurra	Manila, Mangarin, Cebu and Iloilo	On 2nd Jan., 4 p.m.

Passengers Holding Round Trip Tickets may Return by any Steamer of the PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., TOYO KISEN KAISHA, NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD and EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Electric Light, Fans in every Cabin. Competent Stewardess Carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, PHILIPPINES S.S. CO.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1913.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMeward PASSENGER SEASON, 1914.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Connecting Steamer	Steamers	Leave	Leave	Connecting Steamer	Due at	Due at
"ORIENTAL" leaves YOKOHAMA	to COLOMBO.	SHANGHAI	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES and LONDON	MARSEILLES	PLYMOUTH (1 day later)
p.m. Thurs.	EGYPT	Jan. 13, 17	MOOLTAN	Friday	Feb. 13	Thursday
Jan. 8	DEVANHA	Jan. 27, Jan. 31	MOREA	Feb. 19	Feb. 19	
Jan. 22	CHINA	Feb. 10, Feb. 14	MALJOJA	Mar. 5	Mar. 5	
Feb. 5	ASSAYE	Feb. 24, Feb. 28	MARMORA	Mar. 19	Mar. 19	
Feb. 19	INDIA	Mar. 10, Mar. 14	MOLDAVIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 2	
Mar. 5	DEVANHA	Mar. 24, Mar. 28	MEDINA	Apr. 16	Apr. 16	
Mar. 19	ARCADIA	Apr. 7, Apr. 11	MONGOLIA	May 3	May 3	
Apr. 2	DELTA	Apr. 21, Apr. 25	MALWA	May 22	May 22	
Apr. 16	ASSAYE	May 5, May 9	MOOLTAN	June 5	June 5	
Apr. 30						

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

F.A.R.E.S.

The Rates to London and Marseilles are as follows:—

	1st Saloon	"A"	Accommodation	Single	Return
LONDON	\$65.	\$59.	\$44.	\$29.	\$26.
MARSEILLES	\$61.	\$55.	\$42.	\$27.	\$24.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON

CARRYING 1ST AND 2ND SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leave Y'HAMA	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave H'KONG	Leave S'PORE	Due at MARSEILLES	Due at LONDON
BORNEO	about Jan. 6	about Jan. 17	about Jan. 21	about Jan. 27	about Feb. 23	about Mar. 4
NANKIN	Jan. 20	Jan. 31	Feb. 4	Feb. 10	Mar. 9	Mar. 18
NYANZA	Feb. 3	Feb. 14	Feb. 18	Feb. 24	Mar. 23	Apr. 1
NORE	Feb. 17	Feb. 28	Mar. 4	Mar. 10	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
NILE	Mar. 3	Mar. 14	Mar. 18	Mar. 24	Apr. 21	Apr. 30
MALTA	Mar. 17	Mar. 28	Apr. 1	Apr. 7	May 5	May 14
* KHIVA	Mar. 31	Apr. 11	Apr. 15	Apr. 21	May 19	May 28
NUBIA	Apr. 14	Apr. 25	Apr. 29	May 6	June 3	June 12
NAMUR	Apr. 28	May 9	May 13	May 20	June 18	June 27

* New Steamer.

These Steamers call also at PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG and COLOMBO.

F.A.R.E.S. TO LONDON:

1st Saloon \$50 Single. \$75 Return.

2nd Saloon \$35 Single. \$52 Return.

F.A.R.E.S. TO MARSEILLES:

1st Saloon \$46 Single. \$69 Return.

2nd Saloon \$33 Single. \$50 Return.

All Passenger Steamers are fitted with the Marconi System of Wireless Telegraphy.

THE ABOVE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO A SURTAX OF 10%.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,

SUPERINTENDENT.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACEMENT	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGA- PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	ATSUTA MARU Capt. J. Nagano,	16,000	{ WED'DAY, 31st Dec., at D'light.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU Capt. Yamawaki,	12,500	{ WED'DAY, 14th Jan., at Daylight.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	{ YOKOHAMA MARU Capt. Wada,	12,500	{ TUESDAY, 30th Dec., at Noon.
	{ AWA MARU Capt. K. Shimidzu,	12,500	{ TUESDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
	TANGO MARU Capt. T. Sekine,	13,500	{ WED'DAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. Takeda,	9,600	{ WED'DAY, 11th Feb., at Noon.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE PENANG & RANGOON ...	{ HAKATA MARU Capt. H. Nomura,	12,500	{ SATURDAY, 27th December.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	{ RANGOON MARU Capt. Date,	12,000	{ MONDAY, 5th January.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cope,	16,000	{ THURSDAY, 1st Jan., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE			{
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. Takeda,	9,600	{ WED'DAY, 14th Jan., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA			{

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, & MARSEILLES	SARDINIA Capt. J. T. Jeffery	10 A.M. 24th Dec	Freight and Passage
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NANKIN AND YOKOHAMA	Capt. Owen Jones, R.N.R.	About 27th Dec	Freight and Passage
SHANGHAI	EGYPT Capt. F. R. Summers	About 2nd Jan	Freight and Passage
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF CANAL	HIMALAYA Capt. H. G. Evans, R.N.R.	Noon 3rd Jan	See Special Advertisement

All the above Steamers are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

For Further Particulars apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1913.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"LIANGHONG"	On 23rd Dec, 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 24th Dec, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HUICHOW"	On 25th Dec, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAU	"KANCHOW"	On 27th Dec, M'night
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 30th Dec, 4 P.M.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUL"

MANILA LINE—TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "CHINHUA," "TAMING" and "TEAN." Excellent Saloon accommodation. Amplest Electric Fans fitted; Extra State-rooms on Deck, aft, on "TAMING" and "TEAN."

SHANGHAI LINE—THE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI," "CHENAN," and the S.S. "LIANGHONG," "LUCHOW" and "YINGCHOW," having excellent accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloons, maintain a fast schedule service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking Cargo or through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. The Steamers leaving Hongkong on Sundays proceed from Shanghai to TSINGTAU, leaving there on Tuesdays for Shanghai, Hongkong and Canton.

M.B.—Passengers must embark before Midnight on SATURDAY for the SUNDAY Morning sailings. A Co.'s launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every SATURDAY Night.

These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of the transshipment at Woosung.

REDUCED FARES:—SINGLE \$45.....RETURN \$75.
For Freight or Passage apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1913. TELEPHONE 36. AGENTS. [7]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.
HIGHEST Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having Splendid Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	TUESDAY, 23rd Dec, at 11 A.M.
"HAIYAN"	Capt. J. S. Bosch	FRIDAY, 26th Dec, at 11 A.M.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 30th Dec, at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to—

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

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S.S. SILESTIA ... 23rd Dec.	S.S. ALTMARK ... 25th Dec.
S.S. PREUSSEN ... 31st Dec.	FOR MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
S.S. O. J. D. ABLER ... 14th Jan.	S.S. FUEBERT BUELOW ... 29th Dec.
S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 16th Jan.	FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. EPEZIA ... 26th Jan.	S.S. C. FRED. LAEISZ ... 2nd Jan.
S.S. SAXONIA ... 4th Feb.	FOR ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP & HAMBURG:
S.S. SCANDIA ... 9th Feb.	S.S. GOLDENEUS ... 13th Jan.
S.S. HOERDE ... 24th Feb.	FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
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Steamer	Displacement Tons and Speed.	Leave Hongkong.
* NIPPON MARU	11,000—18 knots	WED'DAY, 14th Jan.
TENYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	SATUR., 17th Jan.
* HONGKONG MARU	11,000—18 knots	TUESDAY, 10th Feb.
SHINYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	
CHIYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	

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S.S. SHINYO MARU	22,000	21
S.S. NIPPON MARU	11,000	18
S.S. HONGKONG MARU	11,000	18

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TO SHANGHAI.

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FARES: Hongkong—Shanghai, \$26 1st, \$24 2nd, \$22 3rd Class.

TO KOBE via SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA.

S.S. "CHINA," 11,900 tons, will leave as above about 30th December.

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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN	"PRINCESS ALICE," Capt. J. Bortfeldt	20,300	{Wedday, 24th Dec, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"LUETZOW," Capt. H. Textor	16,900	{About Thursday, 25th Dec.
MANILA, ANGAUR, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"COBLENZ," Capt. L. Aluehrist	7,750	{Saturday, 27th Dec, at 9 A.M.
KOBE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND," Capt. A. Hertzog	6,000	{About Tuesday, 7th Jan.
JESSELTON, KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO," Capt. J. Koshler	5,000	{Saturday, 3rd Jan.

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* "PRINZ LUDWIG"	18,300	TONS	ON FEBRUARY 3RD.
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Capt. A. Ahlborn.			
* "DERFFLINGER"	17,250	"	ON MARCH 3RD.
Capt. F. Proesch.			
"KLEIST"	17,000	"	ON MARCH 18TH.
Capt. L. Maass.			
* "PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH"	17,000	"	ON MARCH 31ST.
Capt. C. Mundt.			
"YORCK"	17,000	"	ON APRIL 15TH.
Capt. F. Lohse.			
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Steamship	1914	FOR MARSEILLES, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and BREMEN/HAMBURG:
"MARK"	2nd Feb.	S.S. "MARK" about Middle of March.
"TUEBINGEN"	16th Feb.	FOR HAVRE, EMDEN and HAMBURG/BREMEN:
"FRANKEN"	2nd March	S.S. "TUEBINGEN" about End of March.
"GOETTINGEN"	16th March	FOR MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and BREMEN/HAMBURG:
"LOTHRINGEN"	30th March	S.S. "FRANKEN" about Middle of April.
"THUERINGEN"	15th April	FOR HAVRE, DUNKIRK, EMDEN and HAMBURG/BREMEN:
		S.S. "GOETTINGEN" about Beginning of May.
		FOR MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and BREMEN/HAMBURG:
		S.S. "LOTHRINGEN" about Middle of May.
		FOR HAVRE, EMDEN and HAMBURG/BREMEN:
		S.S. "THUERINGEN" about Beginning of June

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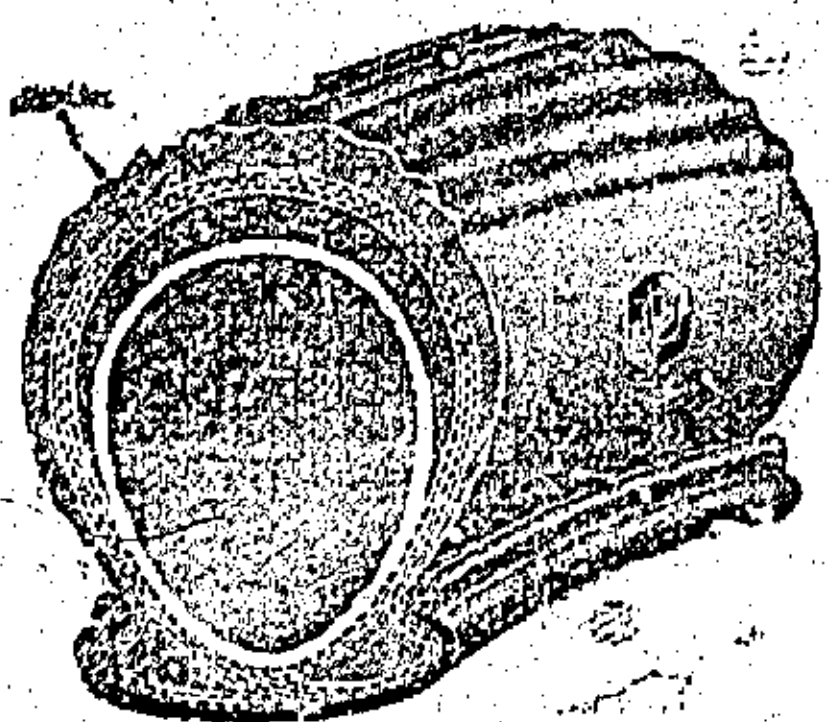
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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.	ARRIVE
AIKOKU MARU, Japanese str., 2,468, Yoshiwara, 20th December—Milke 14th December, Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
AGAMEMNON, British str., 4,461, J. H. D. Hazard, 21st December—Shanghai 17th December, General.—Chinese.	
ANNA, Norwegian str., 1,017, A. Arntzen, 16th December—Bangkok 8th Decem- ber, Rice.—Chinese.	
CALORAS, British str., 4,444, R. Jones, 20th December—Shanghai 17th Decem- ber, General.—Butterfield & Swire.	
CARE, DREIBACHEN, German str., 774, H. Frandsen, 19th December—Haiphong 18th Dec. Rice.—Jensen & Co.	
CEYLON, Swedish str., 3,220, Nordfeld, 19th December—Singapore 12th December, General.—Arthur Nilsson & Co.	
CHONGSHING, British str., 1,989, Liddell, 19th December—Wei-hai-wei 14th Dec, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
CHIYUEN, Chinese str., 1,177, U. Legge, 17th December—Shanghai 13th Decem- ber, General.—Chinese.	
DIXONWALL, British str., —, E. Jones, 19th December—Bangkok 9th Decem- ber, Rice.—A. Bunc & Co.	
DEVAYONGSE, British str., 1,047, Shearer, 15th December—Saigon 10th Decem- ber, Rice.—Chinese.	
FOOKSANG, British str., 1,339, Mitchell, 18th December—Moji 13th Decem- ber, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
ERVIKEN, Norwegian str., 1,344, Angen- sen, 19th December—Swatow 18th December, Ballast.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
FURU MARU, Japanese str., 3,087, C. Tomimaka, 20th December—Moji 14th December, Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
GHAZEL, British str., 3,239, O. C. Cave, 20th December—Singapore 13th December, General.—Dodwell & Co.	
HAIYANG, British str., 1,365, Hodgins, 21st December—Swatow 20th Decem- ber, General.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
HONGKONG, French str., 710, Marquerite, 20th December—Hohow 19th Decem- ber, General.—A. R. Marty.	
HUGHOW, British str., 1,220, Hooker, 19th Dec.—Shanghai 18th Decem-ber, General —Butterfield & Swire.	
HUPH, British str., 1,265, Tucker, 20th December—Hongkong 17th Decem- ber, Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.	
ITSUKUSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., 2,945, Sando, 16th December—Fremantle 25th November, Wood.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
JOHANN, German str., 962, A. Ipland, 17th December—Quinhon 19th Decem- ber, Salt and General.—Jensen & Co.	
KANDAHAN, British str., 4,153, W. Keadley, 21st December—New York 1st Novem- ber, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.	
KALGAN, British str., 1,034, 21st December—Tientsin 15th Decem- ber, General.—Butterfield & Swire.	
KWANGSE, British str., 1,302, C. J. Spink, 18th December—Tientsin 12th Decem- ber, General.—Butterfield & Swire.	
PAKHOI, German str., 1,328, J. Gibbs, 20th December—Swatow 10th Decem-ber, Rice —Butterfield & Swire.	
PENANG MARU, Japanese str., 5,280, S. Murazumo, 20th December—Bomhaye December, Cotton.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
PERSEUS, British str., 4,299, D. Robinson, 19th December—Shanghai 17th Decem- ber, General.—Butterfield & Swire.	
RIKOU-MARE, Japanese str., 2,979, Yama- guchi, 19th December—Keelung 17th December, Coal.—Dodwell & Co.	
RUB, American str., 1,408, J. Miller, 18th December—Manila 16th Decem- ber, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.	
SEATTLE MARU, Japanese str., 3,832, T. Saitow, 21st December—Manila 18th December, General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	
SZCHUEN, British str., 1,180, E. Jones, 18th December—Swatow 17th Decem- ber, General.—Butterfield & Swire.	

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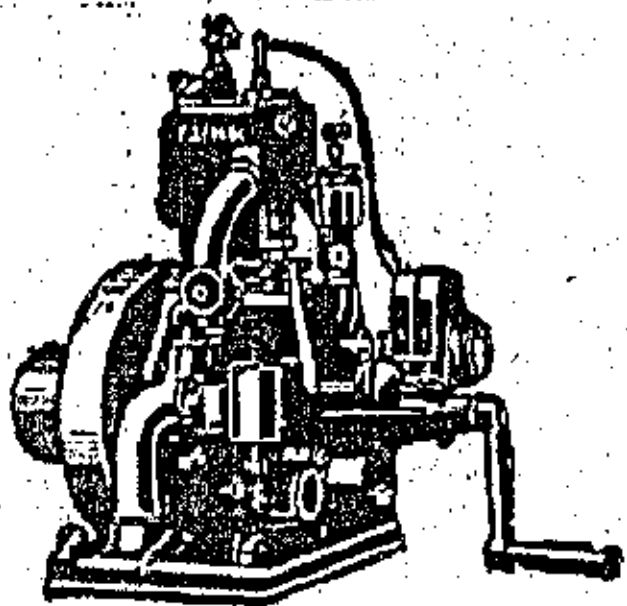
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Thursday, the 25th inst., from 8 to 9 a.m.
In the event of the arrival of the German and Canadian Mails the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof.

On Friday, the 26th inst., the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m., and from 3 to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, the 27th inst., from 8 to 9 a.m. On Thursday, 1st January, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe, the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be no delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sundays.

The Registration Branch will be open for the posting of Registered correspondence from 8 to 9 a.m. on the 25th and 26th inst., and on Saturday, the 27th inst., from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Registered Mail to the Philippine Islands, Australia, and German New Guinea by the Collins will close at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day, the 25th inst., is due to arrive here to-day. There will be a delivery of registered correspondence during the morning of the 27th inst. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

AMERICAN MAIL OF CHINA was received here per Yokohama Maru, yesterday.
1st of January being a holiday, Mails per Empress of Russia will be closed on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 6 p.m.

The Princess Alice, with the MAIL FROM LONDON (via Siberia) of Friday, the 26th ult., Wednesday, the 2nd, and Friday, the 6th inst., is due to arrive here to-day.

The Latow, with the GERMAN MAIL, left Singapore on Saturday, 7th inst., at 5 p.m., and is due to arrive here on Thursday, the 25th inst., at daylight.

The Empress of Russia, with the CANADIAN and AMERICAN MAILS, is due to arrive here on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 8 a.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hokow, Tourane and Quinhon ...	Helena ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 8.00 A.M.
Bangkok ...	Anna ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 8.00 A.M.
*Shanghai, *North China and *Japan via *Kobe	Kanagawa Maru ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Haiyang ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
*Siam, *Shanghai and *North China	Choyang ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe ...	Daikin Maru ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands ...	Bubi ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China ...	Liangchow ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Fuzhou, *Shanghai and *North China	Leishing ...	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.

Hokow, Liphong, Pakhoi and *Saigon	Carl Diederichsen	Wednesday, 24th, 8.00 A.M.
*Straits and *Ceylon ...	Sardinia ...	Wednesday, 24th, 8.00 A.M.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT and EUROPE via NAUDES	Princess Alice	Wednesday, 24th, 8.30 A.M.
		Registration, Kowloon
		B.O. ... 8.00 A.M.
		Letters ... 9.00 A.M.

*Japan via *Yokohama ...	Yachting ...	Wednesday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta ...	Fooksang ...	Wednesday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Kuching, Japan via Kobe, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	Tower ...	Wednesday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.

Philippine Islands	Taming ...	Wednesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
*Straits, *Siam, *Ceylon, *Samarang and *Sourabaya	Riojun Maru ...	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou via Amoy & Takao	Sosha Maru ...	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.

Japan via Moji, Victoria and Tacoma	Seattle Maru ...	Thursday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Hokow, Liphong, Pakhoi, and *Saigon	Hongkong ...	Thursday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Hutchow ...	Thursday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via Kobe	Lutrow ...	Thursday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Kobe (EUROPE via SIBERIA)		
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Haitan ...	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.

Shanghai and North China	Wosang ...	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Amoy, Yachting, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Harborside, Matupi *Australia, Tasmann, and New Zealand via *Brisbane	Coblenz ...	Friday, 26th, 4.00 P.M.
*Shanghai, *North China and *Japan via *Kobe	Arratoon Appear	Saturday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.

Philippine Islands	Yuenang ...	Saturday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China and Tientsin	Kwongang ...	Saturday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA and TIENTSIN (EUROPE via SIBERIA)	Kunchow ...	Saturday, 27th, 4.00 P.M.

Straits and India via Calcutta	Gregory Appear	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hutchow ...	Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 30th, Printed Matter and Samples ... 10.00 A.M.

SAIGON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT and EUROPE via MARSEILLES (Late Letters 11 to NOON Extra postage 10 cents)	Polynesian ...	Registration with late letters of 10 cents up to 11.00 A.M.
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail		Registration Kowloon B.O. ... 9.30 A.M.
		Letters ... 11.00 A.M.

Philippine Islands	Sungkiang ...	Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
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* Specially superscribed correspondence only.

COMMERCIAL

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 22nd.

ON LONDON:	
Telegraphic Transfer	111 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	111 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	111 1/2
Documentary, at 4 months sight	111 1/2
ON PARIS:	
Bank Bills, on demand	246
Credits, at 4 months sight	251
ON GERMANY:	
On demand	199 1/2
ON NEW YORK:	
Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credits, at 60 days sight	48 1/2
ON HONGKONG:	
Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	145
ON CALCUTTA:	
Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	145
ON SHANGHAI:	
Bank, at sight	73 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	74 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:	
On demand	95
ON MANILA:	
On demand	83 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:	
On demand	117 1/2
ON BATAVIA:	
On demand	1 1/2 pm
ON HAIKONG:	
On demand	1 1/2 pm
ON SAIGON:	
On demand	1 1/2 pm
ON BANGKOK:	
On demand	1 1/2 pm
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.20
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$53.90
SILVER, per oz.	26 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.	per cent.
Chinese ... 20 cents pieces	\$10.03 discount
Chinese ... 10	\$10.60
Hongkong ... 20	\$ 7.80
Hongkong ... 10	\$10.00

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.	Due
December 5th.	December 20th.
December 6th.	December 22nd.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, 25th Dec.	
Christmas Day—General Holiday.	
Friday, 26th Dec.	
Boxing Day—General Holiday.	
Monday, 29th Dec.	
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Reclamation St. Yau-mat by Public Works Dept.	
3 p.m.—Auction of Lots of Crown Land around Kowloon Bay in the New Territories, by Public Works Dept.	
Thursday, 1st Jan.	
New Year—General Holiday.	
Tuesday, 3rd Jan.	
Noon—Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., General Meeting.	

ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, JANUARY to JUNE, 1913. With INDEX. Price \$7.50.
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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 22ND DECEMBER, 1913.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	ON BASIS OF LAST DIV.
BANKS.—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$790, buyers	5 1/2 p.c.
China Banking Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	£100 230	8 1/2 p.c.
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$1	all	\$10, buyers	
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	all	\$4 1/2, sellers	7 1/2 p.c.
COTTON MILLS.—					
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 131, buyers	5 p.c.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2	
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$23, buyers	5 p.c.
DOCK AND WHARVES.—					
Wharves & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$88 1/2	5 p.c.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$74 1/2, buyers	3 p.c.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	all	\$58, sellers	7 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 64	
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	70,000	\$100	all	Tls. 110	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$6.60, buyers	4 p.c.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$47, sellers	5 p.c.
Hongkong Hotel Company Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$123 1/2	
Manila Metropolitan Hotel, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$92	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	\$8 1/2, sellers	5 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$25	all	\$185, buyers	9 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong South China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$22 1/2	
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$3	all	\$2	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
INSURANCES.—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$122 1/2, buyers	6 p.c.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$151, sellers	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$350	\$50	\$380, sellers	7 1/2 p.c.
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 133	
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$510, sellers	6 1/2 p.c.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$192 1/2, @ Ex 73	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—					
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$114, buyers	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$100	\$75	\$200	
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$9 1/2	5 1/2 p.c.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$50	\$30	\$45	7 p.c.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	70,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 94	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$67, buyers	5 1/2 p.c.
MANUFACTURING.—					
Leunghow exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 34, buyers	
MINING.—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	35.9	
Heavewood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	822,000	\$1	all	\$1.10	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$4.10, sellers	
Tromps Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	3 1/3	
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2	7 1/2 p.c.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$9.95, buyers	
Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin Societe des	15,200	\$10	all	\$5	
REFINERIES.—					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$75	3 p.c.
IRON AND STEEL COMPANIES.—					
Iron Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$11, sellers	
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—					
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$30, sellers	5 p.c.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$23, buyers	7 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$30, L'don sol. 1.23 7/8. 6d.	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$25	all	\$9 1/2, sales	6 p.c.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,500,000	\$1	all	\$45, buyers	3 1/2 p.c.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$25	all	\$22, sellers	
South China Morning Post, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$4.60, buyers	
STEAM AND DISPENSARIES.—					
Powell, Wm., Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$9 1/2, sellers	4 p.c.
Watson & Co., A. S., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$5	
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$17 1/2	5 1/2 p.c.
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